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Plaindealing
Denton
Private

First Quarter 19th Century

Plaindealing is located on the southern extremity of Denton on old Route 404. The building is a large brick building constructed during the first quarter of the 19th Century. In size, it resembles the main part of Duffin House on Tuckahoe Neck. Like the latter, Plaindealing was remodeled late in the 19th Century with simplified overtones of the Victorian Gothic style. During the remodeling, the roof was raised and a "tower" was added in the central bay of the building.

"The Trustees of the Poor of Caroline County acquired this 6 acre parcel of Lloyd's Regulation in March 1790 from John Cooper and Michael Lucas for 18 $\frac{1}{2}$. They sold it to James Dukes in 1826 for \$505.00 and that deed mentions the Almo House on the lot." Horsey, Eleanor F., Origins of Caroline County, Vol. II. (at printer)

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Plaindealing

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West side of Md. Rt. 404, approximately 2 miles north of Md. Rt. 16

CITY, TOWN

Denton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Caroline

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

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STREET & NUMBER

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CITY, TOWN

Denton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21629

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Caroline County Courthouse

Liber #: 181

Folio #: 710

STREET & NUMBER

Market Street

CITY, TOWN

Denton

STATE

Maryland 21629

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☒ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Plaindealing is located on the west side of Maryland Route 404, on the edge of Denton. It is a large two story brick dwelling with attached frame kitchen wing.

The taller part of the building is built over a tall basement which is stuccoed to resemble ashlar masonry. The two facades are laid in Flemish bond without belt course or window heads. The windows have 4/4 sash and louvered shutters. The first story windows have been lengthened on both sides. The gables are laid in common bond with three rows of stretchers to one of headers. There are two windows on each story.

In the center of the principal facade is a three story tower addition with porch on the first story and double windows with a hood on the two floors above. The 'A' roof is very steep and from each gable rises a large brick chimney. Beneath the roof is a fascia of vertical beaded boards with scalloped ends, extending also up each gable.

The kitchen wing has a porch across the facade and also has a steep pitch roof. On its gable is an exterior stone chimney built in the 20th century.

Its interior is composed of a central stair hall with large room on the north and a smaller room with corridor behind connecting the front hall and stair hall. The trim and doors in the stair hall are original but the remainder of the woodwork is late 19th century. The kitchen has original exposed joists in the ceiling and otherwise a modern treatment.

Its second story is divided into a stair hall, bath, corridor and four bedrooms. The doors opening into the hall are original, but those in the corridor appear to be later, probably as a result of having the principal bedroom divided into two rooms.

From here, the stair is enclosed to the attic, which is unfinished. The rafters are clearly late 19th century and upon closer examination of the gables, it is apparent that the roof was heightened when the house was remodeled.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Tradition has said that this building was built in the 1780's as an Alms House. This tradition should be checked out, because the architectural characteristics of the building point to a building date in the first quarter of the 19th century.

Also, since the other Eastern Shore counties did not develop an Alms system until the 1820-30 period, it is unlikely that Caroline would have been ahead of the rest of the counties.

Moreover, the building appears too fine a building to have been constructed as an Alms House. It seems more likely that the building was first a residence and later converted to an Alms House.

Plaindealing is a very substantial and well appointed building of the early 19th century. Architecturally it is on a par with Marblehead and the major portion of Daffin House.

Historically, however, the local traditions should be accurately researched in order to determine when the Alms House was established and from whom they acquired the property.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael Bourne, Architectural Consultant & Joe Getty

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Maryland Historical Trust

May, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Annapolis

Maryland 21401

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